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A MERRY XMAS. to All

Once more the festive season has floated around and ere The Outcrop comes to the front again we trust our readers one and all will have plunged into merry-making according to their varied tastes and desires, and The Outcrop sincerely hopes that everyone, great and small, will have a better and happier Christmas than ever before and that peace and good-will will at all seasons be their's.

In wishing our readers all manner of good things The Outcrop has only one regret and that is that we are unable to go to the necessary expense, as we had hoped to do, to issue a special Xmas. number. However, the delay is only that it may be done in better style later.

This Xmas. should be a merry one throughout the valley, for there are none in want and all can hustle a slice of plum pudding and turkey, even at 26c. per pound. True, it will be a quiet Xmas. compared with past ones, but it will be as the lull before the storm, for all believe that ere another comes the full blast of warrented prosperity will blow this way. So may it be.

Christmas Legends...

Contributed:

The Christmas tree was introduced in England by Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria. From the palace the custom spread, until now the Christmas tree is a necessary feature of an English Christmas.

In Germany and other European countries it was believed by the children that the tree glittering with candles and bright baubles and the gifts found beneath the tree, were the work of Jolly old Saint Nicholas, Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus, as we know him. This kindly saint was no legendary character. He lived about 300 A. D., and was a noted Bishop of Asia Minor. He was looked upon as the patron saint of generosity because of his liberality.

Three daughters of a poor shoemaker could not marry as advantageously as they should because their father could give them no dowry. But one night one of the daughters found in her room a purse stowed in a stocking, filled with gold, evidently thrown in the window by some one from without. The next night the second daughter found a purse in her room, and on the third night the father caught Saint Nicholas in the act of throwing the third purse in the window.

From that story originated the custom of hanging up the stocking on Christmas Eve. Thereafter the young girls at the convent schools would hang their stockings on the door of the Mother Superior's room on Saint Nicholas night. On the following morning they would be found filled with gifts and delicacies, and a little list from Saint Nicholas as to the appearance and character of their future husbands.

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of Russia, and his festival used to be celebrated earlier in December than the 26th, but now his name is synonymous with Christmas Eve.

The idea of Saint Nicholas traveling in a sleigh drawn by reindeer originated in the cold northern countries. It is known, and they must needs be like the wind to carry Saint Nick the rounds of the world in our night.

In certain parts of Germany it is commonly held that on Christmas Eve

the Christ-child—Kris Kindelein, or Kris Kingle—visited earth, and as he passed over the houses, dropped gifts through the roof for the deserving and the good.

Christmas is never Christmas without the holly wreath and the mistletoe. Christmas venerated the holly, or holly tree, because to them the little thorny leaves and red berries made a wreath typified the crown of thorns and the bloody drops. Doubtless they introduced this solemn reminder at the joyous festival in order not to entirely forget the sacredness of the occasion in the general festivities.

The mistletoe, mistletoe—or mistletoe as we know it—owes its use as a festive decoration to pagan times. According to the Scandinavian legend, Baldur, the most beloved of all the gods, had a premonition that death impended. Thereupon, his mother, Frigg, brought everything that was begotten of earth, air, fire or water to swear not to harm her son.

But in her request she overlooked the insignificant little mistletoe. Loki, the god of destruction, disguised as an obnoxious, visited Frigg, and, learning of her oversight, hurried back to where the gods were assembled. There they were amusing themselves by hurling all manner of missiles at Baldur, and all were turned aside. But Loki, with an arrow made of mistletoe, pierced Baldur's heart.

In reparation, the mistletoe was given to Frigg to do as she saw fit, provided it touched not earth. And she to show that she bore no ill will, hung it up, and everyone who passed under it received a kiss as a token that, instead of hatred and jealousy, the mistletoe was used for love and forgiveness.

At present, as we all know, it is the custom for the young men to carry out the doctrine taught by the Scandinavian myth, and print a smacking kiss on the lips of any maiden thoughtless enough to stand beneath the suspended mistletoe bough. But for every such kiss one of the white berries of the mistletoe must be removed.

Advance of Silver

The London Financier: Opinions of late have been fairly equally divided as to the reason for the recent advance and the present firmness in the price of silver. On the one hand it is maintained that the improvement can only be

attributed to some secret understanding arrived at between a number of the large producers to so limit the output of the metal that the actual supply will closely approximate the actual demand. On the other hand it is argued, with some show of reason, that such a combination is practically impossible in the face of the diversity of interests which the individual producers represent, and the rise in price is attributed by this party to nothing more than a somewhat heavier, though temporary, demand in countries which are notoriously large users of the metal. The actual truth will probably be found by reading these two apparently irreconcilable opinions in conjunction with each other. That the actual output has been limited is beyond question, but the reduction is merely an acknowledgment of the simple economic law of supply and demand—in other words, the producers finding the production of the metal unprofitable or scarcely profitable at recent market values, have unconsciously combined to limit their production through a not unnatural desire to save themselves from loss. This being so, the inference in certain metal circles that the great producers are not in a position to take advantage of the present price—or a figure which closely approximates to it—might be held to be justified, for it is contrary to all probability that, were these producers capable of immediately meeting the present requirements of the market, they would fail to do so. In the absence of any rigid restrictions on the world's output—and it is impossible, owing to a variety of circumstances, to believe that such an agreement, even if it did exist in a semi-tentative form, could hold in the face of risen and advancing prices for the metal—the probability of the present improvement becoming permanent is not to be seriously considered. For it must be remembered that at a conservative estimate, there are hundreds of possible sources of supply of silver which could not be controlled by any combine on earth, ready to add to the world's supply the moment the market price of the metal warrants the resumption of work. Further, there must be silver in various parts of the world which is not hoarded for the ages, but merely held against the coming of better prices and these supplies of which, however, it is impossible to give even an approximate estimate—may come on the market at any moment. Then there are new silver mines being exploited in various quarters of the world—mines which are being worked in many instances with the white metal as a secondary product, or others, such as those in the Cobalt district of North Ontario, which for their actual richness in silver alone are profitable to their owners. The price of silver, therefore, may fall almost as rapidly as it has risen, although in circles usually well informed, the opinion seems generally prevalent that some time—perhaps the latter part of a year—must elapse before the white metal resumes its position as the Cinderella of the precious products of the earth.

DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

The Sixth Annual New Year Ball will be held in the Athlone Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 29th. All are invited to attend and a good time is assured. It will be held on Friday as the young people could not afford to be behind time with such an important event and, of course, Saturday or Sunday is out of the question.

Xmas. performs at A. R. Yates'.

The next great event occurs Dec. 29.

There is more reason now to believe that this district next season will advance more rapidly than ever before.

The Star says that only two horses affected with glanders have been shot at Golden, out six others have been condemned and the inspection is proceeding.

Little "Ed." Harrison has decided to hold the raffle of his eagle New Year's night at Athlone, and the winner will be a lucky person.

Rev. Mr. Smyth will conduct service in the Wilmer Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. He will preach a special Christmas service and conduct the beautiful English church service.

North East Kootenay alone has sufficient wealth to give Canada a very proud position amongst the nations of the earth, but few Canucks know it. In a year or two the Kootenay Central will prove it and then Canucks will flock here only to find our gates closed against them and the Yanks in possession.

The Outcrop correspondent writes: A meeting was held Friday night at Mr. Harrison's, Grand View, Galena, to arrange and provide means for a Christmas tree for the children of Galena and Brisco. The meeting was well attended, about 40 being present, and promised a committee of three ladies, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. A. H. Mitchell and Mrs. Barry, were appointed to purchase the necessary presents.

Quite a number of men have arrived at the lumber camp during the past month or two from the prairie provinces claiming to be lumbermen. But who proved to have handled an axe less than an editor handles cash—and that is mighty little. These fellows fool themselves more than they do anyone else. Invariably the camp foreman discharges them as soon as they have earned the amount it cost to bring them here, and then the men have to walk 100 miles to Cranbrook or Golden on a diet of beautiful scenery and fresh snow, unless the ranchers along the route give them a handout. Several of these men have been around town just about as long as the law would allow, before striking the road. Underfoot of this class should take a friendly warning and remember that experience is necessary even in a lumber camp.

Last Friday Rev. Mr. Smyth and Jan. Tegan returned to Windermere from a two-weeks' deer hunt up Findlay creek, bringing with them 10 deer. They state they had everything in their favor and could have brought back as many more, but as five to the man is all the law allows, they quit according to law. Mr. Smyth says that while out one day he had got high up on the mountain side and with his last cartridge shot a deer and broke its leg. The deer began to climb the hill, but running on three legs it kept him moving pretty lively to keep up. When it got near the foot of the mountain, being exhausted, the deer tried to hide behind a tree and there lay down. Mr. Smyth stole up to the tree and sliding around it threw himself on the deer and killed it with his knife, but he had to exercise great care to avoid the horns of the wounded animal. He regretted wounding the deer and not having ammunition to put it out of pain, and he did not like to kill it with his knife, yet it was the most humane thing to do under the circumstances as it must otherwise have died a lingering death from the wound. It is a fact, perhaps, worth mentioning here that a wounded deer will invariably go down the mountain, while a mountain goat will just as surely go up.

K. C. R. PROPOSITION.

The Golden Star appears to think the people in the Windermere district are very "easy" marks. Just listen to this extract from its latest edition to arrive here:

"A wandering windjammer imported from Nelson or somewhere else has been endeavoring to persuade the people of the Upper Country how good and how becoming well it would be for the Provincial Government to assist the C. P. R. in constructing the Kootenay Central Railway from a Golden to the Crow's Nest. Resolutions were passed and assented to by good and honest people who were led astray by the foolishness of the talk. What is there in this valley to give away? and for what has been given away, what is there to show? What equivalent have we got? A discarded ditch at Canal Flat; a branch railway in West Kootenay; a discarded wagon road in the same district; a line through the Crow's Nest. Will we never acquire wisdom and have done with these charter-mongers and subsidy-hunters? The Kootenay Central is essential to the C. P. R., and so it has declared. That is the reason why the money of the C. P. R. is paying for construction and why the C. P. R. will operate it. The Great Northern has offered to build all the railways we require, provided right-of-way is given, but this does not suit our grafters and mongers who raise the cry of patriots and patriotism."

It is rather sad to think of all this fine sarcasm being wasted on "the good honest people" of the "Upper Country" and it is still more sad if the Star really represents the general opinion and belief of the good people of Golden in its recent attacks on the Kootenay Central. However, no serious injury is likely to result from the Star's expressed opinion, but it is certainly amusing the Conservatives here, as during the last Dominion election, and since, the Star "whooped" steadily for the Liberals and the Grand Trunk Pacific and now when the K. C. R. people ask for the same proposition the Star denounces them.

It may be just possible the Star has not learned the Kootenay Central proposition as it is understood here, so The Outcrop will explain it for the Star's benefit:

It is understood here that the K. C. R. will agree to start active construction, complete the road as quickly as possible and operate it, if the Legislature will guarantee the interest on its bonds to \$20,000 per mile for a stated period of years. At the end of the period the K. C. R. is to arrange to pay back whatever amount the Legislature has paid or give it an interest in the road equal to the amount paid—Savey? Is that not something like a part of the G. T. P. scheme the Liberals boasted so hard for?

If the McBride administration draft a railway policy that contains no worse proposition than this the Liberals must surely support it and the advocates of government ownership may count on gaining a point.

1904 MINT REPORT

Mining Industry Plays No Favorites--The Cost

By "LITTLE MAC."

Editor The Outcrop:

My Dear Evans—Just a line from your friend Mac to say Director of the Mint, Robert's report for 1904, just issued, shows the total amount of gold mined 3,904,086 ounces; silver, 57,786,100 fine ounces; total value of gold mined, \$80,723,200; value of silver mined \$30,515,938; and total value of the two metals \$114,239,138.

The mining industry furnishes 52 per cent of the rail way traffic of the country. The approximate cost of mining and treating different ores varying with local conditions:

Gold and silver ore, to mine per ton \$1 to \$5; treasuring, \$1 to \$2; concentration, 50c. to \$3; treatment of concentrates, \$3 to \$15; roasting, \$5 to \$15; chlorination, \$3 to \$12; smelting to matte, \$5 to \$20. Copper ore costs to mine, 50c. to \$2.50; smelting to matte, \$3 to \$6; smelting to black copper, \$7 to \$10. Nickel copper ore, refining matte, \$100 to \$200. Silver lead ore, smelting to base bullion \$5 to \$10. Iron ore cost

to mine, 25c. to \$1.50; smelting to pig, per ton of iron, \$10 to \$14.

You know the mining industry plays no favorites. In the mine lies the poor man's salvation.

Jim Butler, M. McDonald or John Riley make a million. Why? Because they have faith in mining.

There are hundreds of properties in the west upon which the men who know most about them will sink their last dollar. These men don't guess. They know. And their ship will come home.

We can't live our life again. Time is fleeting by. If we intend to throw a stake for wealth and independence we must do it now. The rewards are there for those with ability to discriminate opportunity.

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The fact of the matter is, friend Evans, I never was so handicapped for time in my life, with no hope of letting up, unless I am touched by the hand of death. I remain, as ever,

Your friend,
M. McDonald.

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I have journeyed on life's highway till the dial points to noon,
And I've learned some useful lessons on the way;

I have proved them o'er and o'er, and I prize them more and more,
And I think you can depend on what I say.

You may hold yourself aloof, and may think it is a proof
That you're made of some superior sort of clay;

But you'll always find it pays in many different ways,
To be friendly to the people on the way.

If the day is dark and dreary, and the way is rough and steep,
And some weary brother falters on the road,

You will never feel the weight, be the burden small or great,
If you turn about and ease him of his load,

And you'll often see the time when a dollar or a dime
Will be a friendly offering most meet—

When to give a little sum some mishap to overcome,
Will keep some needy fellow on his feet.

I have learned that shabby garments often clothe a noble soul,
And misfortune lies in wait for great and small;

Better help a friend today, who is stranded by the way—
For who knows but that tomorrow we may fall?

Then speak out before the crowd, let your voice ring clear and loud,
And put your heart in every word you say—

For a friendly word, you know, or a handshake and "hello,"
Will help the other fellow on the way.

A SORROWFUL STORY

A bachelor of forty grew tired of single life;

He looked around a little and then annexed a wife;

She was a type that's common, was very nice and trim,
And filled with an ambition to have things neat for him.

And so, soon after marriage, he found his things arranged,
From which it's very certain his mode of life was changed;

His clothes were put in order, he found his slippers, too,
With greatest ease at evening when the request was through.

Upon his varied garments the buttons soon appeared,
And with a frequent dusting his divers hats were cheered.

Oh, if I were to tell you the whole, 'twould take an age,
And make these simple verses just o'er the seventh page!

But did the man enjoy it? Ah, no! I grieve to say.

He peaked and pined most plainly, was very far from gay.

The strange, unlearned-of neatness wrought upon his mind
He died at six one evening and left it all behind.

But ere he died he murmured to parties standing near,
"I want this short inscription, and want it chiseled clear:

"He had a wife whose goodness 'twas very hard to match,
And yet she killed her husband with neatness—and despatch!"

Of the 120,000,000 subjects of the Czar, 93 per cent can neither read nor write, and what is still worse, they cannot even think for themselves. The result is that between the wealthy, educated aristocracy and the poor, ignorant, common people, there is no middle class, and no public opinion. There is an abundance of cheap, strong liquor to be had, and intoxication is naturally the great and only amusement of the people. When an heir was born to the Russian throne, the event was celebrated in a most revolting way by three quarters of the population of the capital getting drunk. This wretched condition of the people is directly traceable to the government under which they live. It is completely out of joint, and is persons who know what freedom is, to go to Russia is like approaching an iceberg—Quarrel.

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A Court of Revision and Appeal, under the "Assessment Act, 1905," for the Golden Assessment District, will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1906, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, at the following times:—

J. E. GRIFFITH, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

TIMBER NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands in the North East Kootenay District:

Commencing at a post marked "J. F. Hanna's North East corner post" and planted near the south end of the creek about 100 miles west of the mouth of the Columbia, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains to place of commencement.

Dated 12th October, 1906. J. F. HANNA.

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Plum Pudding as Food.

In popular belief plum pudding, though difficult of digestion, contains a large proportion of nutriment. The London Lancet publishes the analysis made of two puddings, of which one was found to have a "nutrient value" of 68 per cent and the other of 52.

It appears that, although most agreeable as an article of food, plum pudding is not quite so concentrated a form of diet as has been supposed, and conjectures that it yields as much assistance as beefsteak are certainly not supported by its chemical composition. The amount of nitrogenous matter is only moderate, and it must be remembered that in calculating the nutritive ratio and value the nitrogen has been assumed to be albuminoid. Probably the true albuminoids and consequently the food value are slightly lower than would appear from the results; also the percentage of water is rather large, and the quantities of the remaining components are proportionately lessened.

Rings of Aridity.

The orange, tawny waste of the range country, so desolate to the uninitiated, is being converted to a blessing by the art of man. It is not less true in agriculture than in other industrial pursuits that progress is measured by the skill of man in controlling and manipulating the forces and resources of nature rather than in his contenting himself with nature's gifts. The conservation of the available water supply of a country should be a national care. Already in the semi-arid west it is being utilized by individuals and corporations to force the yield of the dry away beyond its productive power under natural rainfall. Instead of passing by the dry lands at the water, the settler is taking them in hand, and is so far from murmuring that he takes rather of the blessing of aridity. What does aridity mean? Aridity means constant sunshine, and the quick maturing of crops. It also means the absence of destructive tornadoes that belong to humid areas. It means the conservation of soil fertility by the absence of foods that wash away the best part of the soil, and, with its necessary adjunct of artificial watering or irrigation. It means enough of water at the right time and not too much at any time. This is why the settler works of the blessing of aridity. It is why the arid country of Canada, humid and dry together, is called the better half of our Dominion.

—H. McAlister, Lethbridge, in The Globe.

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Hush, my possum baby,

Gwine to watch you till you sleep—

Till ole Kris come sneakin' in—

Just to take a little peep—

Don't you stir yuh woolly hair—

Keep as still as if youse daid.

Hush, my babe, de ole peach bough—

Am shakin' laik a willer tree—

Just as you on de house-top now—

Just as sneaky as kin be.

Kain't you hush his reinder's feet—

Pat'er on de crusty slat!

Hush, you cunnin' leetle one—

De' ole Banty—'tain't yuh paw—

He'll be sneakin' off right soon—

If you don't keep quiet, shore;

Cobber up yuh kinky hair—

Day es still as if youse daid.

Xmas. Tree

Mrs. G. A. Starke has received a fine collection of Christmas presents from Mrs. C. H. Hammond, of Toronto, for the Wilmer children, which will be given on a Christmas tree next Thursday evening in the Presbyterian church. The Sunday School children are preparing to render a good program and have good time generally. It has been decided to charge adults an admission fee of 25 cents, children free. Don't forget the date, Dec. 23.

Croppings

Xmas. cards and booklets, a great variety at A. R. Yates', Wilmer.

Mrs. Jos. Lake has returned to Atholmes after visiting at Golden two weeks.

Miss Lettice of Windermere leaves on today's stage to spend the holidays in Victoria.

This fine, warm weather, with plenty of sunshine, means one glad life in the Columbia valley.

Don't forget that the Kootenay Centre would give a Cranbrook trade of the Windermere country, which is going to be a growing trade.—Herald.

The weather so far has been exceptionally good as evidenced by Wilmer. There have not yet been frozen over hard enough for traffic over it. Some seasons teams have crossed it several weeks earlier than this.

Cranbrook must have the Kootenay Central. It means much to this town, and its loss would prove a sad blow. But to get such improvements the people must be wide awake to their interests and be willing to work hard for the good things of this life.—Herald.

Miss Booth, who has had charge of the Atholmes public school for the past year and a half, has resigned her position and leaves on today's Golden stage en route to her home at the Coast, near where she expects to secure a school. The trustee and a host of friends regret her departure and wish her everything good.

Following is the text of a location notice posted on a mining claim in the vicinity of Grand Encampment, Wyoming, sometime ago. It is said to be entirely legal, also, which is not always to be said of the prospectors' efforts in this direction: "We found it and we claim it by right of founding, it's our'n. It's 750 feet in every direction except south-west and northwest, and there is 200 feet on each side of the well." It's called the Bay Horse, and we claim over the spurs, and we don't want nobody laugh on this Bay Horse—that's what those trees are around here, and we've got the same piece of rope we had down in Missouri."

Sent The Outcrop to your friends on an Xmas. box. It will only cost you 12 and every week they will have a gratifying reminder of your kindness, yes, and should you die they will read only of the best things in your history.—The Outcrop will never "rust"—a dead man.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

I, the undersigned, hereby beg to intimate that all accounts due to me have been taken over by Mr. George Bar, of Wilmer, to whom payment should now be made.

R. ELLIOT, M.D.

Wilmer, B.C., Dec. 17th, 1906.

Wilmer Mercantile Company, Ltd.

Hello There!

We have just received, per Snook's Lightning Express, direct from

Ganong's

A lot of Fancy Confections.

CHOCOLATES!
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APPLES! APPLES! APPLES!

Xmas.
Plum Pudding, just like Mother Used to Make.

Do you want to live long and die happy?

You will live long if you use our Groceries.

When you see our prices you'll be happy enough.

Keep Jack Frost from your ears with one of our Fur Lined Caps.

Call and see us.

We won't hurt you!

The W. M. Co.,

JOHN McLEOD, - - Manager.

LAKE & CO.

Useful XMAS GIFTS Worth Buying

We HAVE Now in Stock an exceptionally fine assortment of goods suitable for Christmas Presents and every line has been so carefully chosen that our customers will recognize at a glance that their best interests have been the one consideration in selecting these goods.

Santa Clause HIMSELF

before the goods were shipped to us and he said that he never saw a better collection of useful articles for old and young people.

It is quite impossible for us to even make an attempt at naming the many new things we have in stock, so we will just ask you to have a look at the stock for yourself. But remember, everything is useful and will give your friends something more than pleasure.

DRY GOODS. BOOTS & SHOES. READY MADE CLOTHING.

FRESH GROCERIES for your Xmas. Cake.

LAKE & CO., General Merchants, ATHALMER, B. C.

What's the use of remembering disagreeable things?

The Outcrop will print you, on short notice and in any amount, shipping tags, billheads, statements, letterheads, noteheads, menus, receipts, envelopes, visiting cards, business cards, bills of fare, dogtags, posters, etc., etc. Will meet any quantity or price.

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